Friday, 17th July, 2015.
Term 3 – Newsletter 21

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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS ……...Paul Jorgensen (Principal)
It feels great to be back at Hazelwood North PS. I enjoyed my work at Orbost Primary School and have learnt some new things, challenged myself and reinforced my belief in the great things that are happening at HNPS.

Some people have asked me why I went to OPS. As I mentioned last year it was a difficult decision to make as I was totally committed to HNPS and what we were doing. However, Orbost was in a similar position to this school a few years ago before I came. Orbost had not had a substantive Principal for nearly two years and was looking for a new Principal. The school also had gone through a tough time and I was asked by Region if I would take on the role there to help settle things down a bit. Because I had a connection with the community, I felt I needed to go to Orbost to help the school community to focus on the good things that were happening there and support the school in moving forward. In my six months at Orbost there were challenges to overcome and progress was made. Orbost and Hazelwood North are similar in many ways but also different in many ways so it was also an opportunity for me to learn new things. These types of opportunities do not come along frequently so I took the opportunity when it presented last year.

I chose not to apply for the permanent Orbost position when it was advertised, although it was attractive as it was close to home and at a higher level than here. There were many reasons that impacted on my decision not to apply but mostly it was because I have enjoyed my work at Hazelwood North, the support from staff and students has been great over the years and I wanted to be part of the great environment and school that exists here. There is still much work to be done as this never ends, but the school is in a great place to continue to develop.

I thank Adam Downes on his work at Hazelwood North, particularly on developing the next phase of our planned school direction in developing understanding and teaching of Mathematics. After our focus on Challenging Learning and reviewing our Writing and Spelling, we moved on to Mathematics. This term we will continue that good work but also revisit how our Writing is progressing and the Nottingham Challenging Learning.
As I have mentioned opportunities for teachers to visit and work in other schools doesn’t come around too often but when it does it is important for teachers to take these opportunities. This not only develops them as teachers and leaders but also it means our school can draw on new ideas and check in on where we are at. Sue Duncan has been offered a role as Acting Principal for the last 6 weeks of this Term at Yarragon Primary School. Over the next few weeks we will look at what arrangements we will make at school to cover Sue’s absence. We will look at this so as to make as little disruption to the class as possible.

Letters went out to Year 5/6 students this week regarding the opportunity for a homestay visit from students from the Shangxi School in China. Students from this school will visit our school and work in the year 5/6 classes in the mornings and then participate in other arranged activities in the afternoon. This visit will occur from 27th July to 31st July. I hope we get a good response from families who are able to host a student in homestay. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about Chinese culture, language and people.

If we are unable to find homestay for the Chinese students from the year 5/6 children, we will ask other families from the school community if they may be able to help us.

**CHINESE VISITORS**
From the 27th July to 30th July we will have students and teachers from Shangxi School in China visiting us. They will spend the mornings at our school and do other activities with Kurnai College in the afternoons. I believe there are 8 students and two teachers visiting.

**JUNGLE BOOK BACKDROP**
As part of our Jungle Book Production piece, a backdrop of a jungle scene is being developed by Miss Greenslade. If you have any spare house paint with green, grey or brown tones (others are also fine), they would be very much appreciated. If possible, could they please be brought in within the next week and dropped off at Miss Greenslade’s classroom?

Thank you.

**PREP PREVIEW – Miss Waite**
- We will be looking at the letter Kk.
- We will be looking at writing a retell.
- We will be starting our reading and spelling homework program.
- We will be looking at place value and measuring length in maths.
- In Investigations we will be looking at simple machines.

**NEWS FROM PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ CLUB - Bronwyn Woodward (President)**
At the end of Term 2 the Hazelwood North Parents’ and Friends’ Club would like to thank the school community for their support of our fundraisers. Without your help we cannot do what we do and raise the funds that we do to support your children.

We are always in need of more helpers. You don’t have to attend meetings, you might know contacts for a fundraiser; just let us know. Any assistance is appreciated. Thanks again and enjoy the holidays with your family.

**Lunch Order**
First 3 weeks of lunch orders will be Subway lunches with forms already having been sent home. Please see Francesca in the office if you require another form or you can download from the attachment to the newsletter.

**Lost Property**
Over the holidays a lot of clothing has appeared from the rooms. Please come in and have a look.
**Second-hand Uniforms**
For just $2.00 you can purchase just about any item of the school uniform from our second-hand uniform rack which is located just outside the staff room. Please come in and have a browse. If your family have grown out of any items, we would appreciate any donations for this rack.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**
Yes they are back if you shop at Woolworths pickup your stickers for our school. Full sheets can be dropped off at our school or at Woolworths.

**Don’t forget to support:**
Bakers Delight – Traralgon are now supporting us through their Doughraiser fundraising. Just mention Hazelwood North Primary School with any purchase and you are helping our school. A percentage of any purchase comes back to the school; too easy.

- Student Banking through Dollarmites
- Bakers Delight Doughraiser – Midvalley
- Bakers Delight - Traralgon
- Ritchies – IGA of Churchill

If you have any new ideas for fundraising, please do not hesitate to contact me on **0412 855 933** or [bronwyn@wideband.net.au](mailto:bronwyn@wideband.net.au) or any of our committee members, Simone Lovison, Nicole McKenzie or Di Sanders.

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**SMALL BOOK SHELF FOR USE AT SCHOOL**

Please see Integration Aide Bianca for further information.